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To: Connie Cummins Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest

 c/o Michael Jimenez, Project Leader

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Re: Comments on the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project

I am writing to give my support and comments regarding the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Project. I was born and raised in Lutsen MN. My childhood was spent skiing every winter weekend at Lutsen where my mom was a ski instructor for 36 years. I learned how to ski and ski race there. Upon leaving the community I headed to SLC, UT where I received a degree in Athletic Training and Physical Therapy. My time spent at Lutsen Mountains helped me ski the mountains in UT and other western ski areas. Fast forward through college and life in the Twin Cities, I moved with my family back to Lutsen to own a business. For the past 21 years, my family has owned and operated Thomsonite Beach Inn on Lake Superior.

The reason for this introduction is that I value the growth that has occurred over the years at Lutsen Mountains. From a personal and business perspective, continued growth and expansion is very exciting. The winter business that Lutsen Mountains brings to our community is crucial. Plus it offers the best skiing in the Midwest within a reasonable driving distance for our tri state area and Canada. Having new terrain to ski and added amenities will be an important draw to new and current ski enthusiasts.

I am very supportive of the project objectives and agree with the Forest Service that this project provides an opportunity to achieve the recreation goals outlined in the Superior NF land management plan. I believe this project, and the master development plan is well designed and will enhance the downhill skiing experience at Lutsen Mountains in a way that is environmentally and economically sustainable.

Sincerely,

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Long time Lutsen/Grand Marais resident

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